

Groton Nov. 1. 1837

Mrs Chapman

Dear Madam

I called on Mrs Brooks in Concord, on my return home from Boston yesterday. Found her in the right frame of mind, as usual - was glad to hear about the Fair - cordially approved of the plan of removing it to Lowell - gave her name to be used by the friends in any way they should deem best - hoped to be at Lowell & assist in person, but could not promise, &c. &c.

This morning I started for Lowell saw Dr. Huntington, the Mayor - learned from him that the City Hall was engaged nearly every day next week, & also on Wednesday of the week following. I then endeavored to obtain Mechanics Hall but the committee declined letting it.

The Com. did not say that they were at all influenced by the A. S. character of the Fair, though it was unquestionably so.



I then returned to the Mayor, & engaged  
the City Hall for Thursday & Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> inst.  
& probably for Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>, if it should be  
wanted by the Ladies on the last mentioned day.  
The expense of the Hall will be \$5. for twenty  
four hours.

I attempted to find one whole souled Abolitionist  
in the place, but did not succeed. I was told of  
a Mrs. Jesse Fox, in Third St., she is right, what  
there is left, but she confessed she had lost all  
hope of ever freeing the Slaves. she however  
promised to aid to the extent of her power.

Mrs. Dr. Mansfield is several asleep, & so are all  
those who once composed the Lowell Female  
Anti-Slavery Society. Indeed, that Soc. is  
dead in form as well as in fact. G. Scott  
is about the form a new one, & attach  
it <sup>to</sup> the disorganization.

The goods & the persons to sell them,  
can go to Lowell in the morning train,  
arrange the tables, & be ready to admit  
company by 10 o'clock, which will be in all  
good season.

Notice of the Fair should go into the  
Lowell papers a week previous - presume  
you will see to it. I think it would  
be well to have Bills posted in many



places in the city, the day previous.  
I wish you would drop a note soon to  
Mrs. Nathan Brooks, with the view to  
interest her yet more in this good work.

Some opposition may be expected from the  
shop-keepers - I saw several who did not like the  
plan of bringing the fair into Lowell.

Truly yours

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